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Sir:

Pursuant to the restriction requirement imposed in the Official Action dated June 19, 2002, Applicants elect the species of Example 7 to which Figures 17-23 are concerned and which is readable on claims 1, 4, 6-13, and 17, for continued prosecution herein. Furthermore, in connection with the above-described application, prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:****Please amend the claims as follows:**

4. (Amended) An endoscope system according to Claim 1, wherein said sensitivity control means is controlled based on any of a designation signal output from a designating means, an information signal fed from a connected endoscope and representing

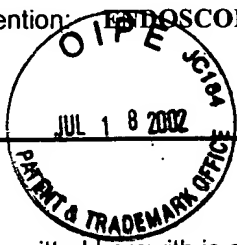


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>			<b>Docket No.</b> 14198		
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Invention: ENDOSCOPE SYSTEM					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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